

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed June 1, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. Claims 1-61 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicants are canceling claims 16 and 57 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 15 and 43 have been amended. As a result, claims 1-15, 17-56 and 58-61 are currently pending for examination with claims 1, 15, 30 and 43 being independent claims. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 1-14, 30-42, 60 and 61 have been allowed. Applicants further note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 16, 19-29, 45 and 48-58.

Claim 15 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 16, which the Office Action indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Therefore, claim 15 is now believed to be in allowable condition. Claim 16 has been canceled.

Claims 17-29 depend from claim 15, and are therefore allowable based at least on dependency from claim 15.

Claim 43 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 57, which the Office Action indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Therefore, claim 43 is now believed to be in allowable condition. Claim 57 has been canceled.

Claims 44-56 and 58-61 depend from claim 43, and are therefore allowable based at least on dependency from claim 43.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103

The Office Action rejected claims 15 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Tihanyi (US 6,362,505 B1), and rejected claims 43, 44, 46 and 59 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Disney (US 6,781,198 B2). Dependent claims 18 and 47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). All of these rejections are now moot in view of Applicants' amendment.

CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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